

The State Senate, by a vote of 17 to 16, have decided not to disturb free tuition in the South Carolina College. As will be seen the vote was very close.

SEVENTEEN new lawyers were ushered into the State by the Supreme Court on Wednesday last—fifteen whites and two colored. They still come at the rate of almost forty a year.

Judge McKAY, of the United States Court, has decided the Atlanta whiskey fight. It is a prohibition victory. He had formerly granted a temporary injunction to the anti-prohibitionists, but refuses to continue the injunction. Atlanta will, therefore, be a "dry town" for some time.

The Hon. W. H. Perry will accept our thanks for a number of Congressional documents. Among them we find a recently bound volume of speeches on the life and services of the late Hon. J. H. Evans, a former Representative of this Congressional district. They were printed by order of Congress.

The following is a description of the new seal furnished the President. It is for the exclusive use of the Chief Magistrate:

A new official seal has been engraved for the President. Its emblematic significance makes it worthy of description, independent of the mere fact that it is for the use of the Chief Magistrate. The central figure, standing on a globe, is the American eagle, with its wings spread (or, as it is sometimes called, ascending) eagle, which, king of birds, was chosen as our national emblem because its attributes are so closely analogous to the characteristics of our nation. The thirteen original States, the foundation of the Union, are represented by thirteen feathers in each wing of the eagle; thirteen stars on a laurel branch, thirteen arrows held in its talons, thirteen stars between its wings and thirteen letters in the motto, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," on a scroll carried upward in its beak. Twenty-five rays of the sun and eleven small clouds, forming an arc above the eagle, denote respectively the States admitted subsequent to the union of thirteen colonies, and the territorial possessions, including the Indian Territory, Alaska and District of Columbia, which have not attained the dignity of Statehood. This is the first time all the States and territories have been symbolized in the design of a seal. In the title, "The seal of the President of the United States," encircling the emblem, the words "President of" are at the top and over them, thereby signifying the relations he bears to the bodies constituting the Union. The design of many heads beads closely connected, suggesting the motto, "In union there is strength."

#### Gen. Toombs Dead.

For some time the death of this distinguished statesman has been looked for and now as the end has come it affects the heart of every citizen of his native State and the entire South with the profoundest regret. He was at the time of his death about sixty-six years old, and perhaps no man of the South has been more promising before the people than this illustrious man. He was one of a few who refused to accept a pardon from the Federal Government for his action in the Confederacy. He believed he was right and had the courage to maintain his convictions to the end. He was perhaps the greatest Georgia statesman, having measured laurels with the greatest statesmen and without discredit to him. He was an orator of great force, and his eloquence was heard in nearly every hamlet and village in his native State, which he loved so well. In his death Georgia has lost an able statesman and the South a devoted friend. Let his ashes rest in peace. His name will shine as one of the brightest stars upon the pages of American history.

#### The Priority Lien Bill.

The bill repealing the present lien law in toto failed to pass the Senate, but the bill giving certain prior liens passed and will become a law. As it now reads the law gives to the landlord a prior lien over all other parties, and the second lien is given to the tenant or laborer. This will, therefore, leave the merchant to take a third lien for supplies advanced. Under the law it will not be necessary for the landlord or laborer to have his lien indexed, but by virtue of the contract the landlord shall have the first and the laborer the second lien. The passage of this law cannot materially affect the lien for supplies, as the merchant can compel the landlord to waive his first lien before he will supply anybody. While the law upon its face gives the land-owner the prior lien, we think it a doubtful question whether it will materially aid the landlord, for unless he is able to command a credit outside of the lien he will be compelled to waive his right under the law in order to secure this, which will necessarily give to the merchant the first lien for his advances. It would seem that the Senate felt that some action should be taken on the present law, but that repealing it altogether would be almost too rash a measure, so they simply passed the present law, we presume, as a stepping-stone to further legislation on the subject.

#### Our Trial Justices Salaried.

As will be seen from the communication of one of our Representatives, found in another column of this issue, there will be some changes in the trial justice system of the county early next year. Our county, as well as others of the State, has long felt that some change in the present system of administering justice in smaller cases was necessary for the best interests of the county. At present there are thirteen trial justices in the county having concurrent jurisdiction, and in many instances parties come from the remotest corner of the county to have their differences settled before the trial justices in town. The bill recently passed by

the General Assembly and which will, of course, become a law, provides that the county be divided into seven judicial districts, and that one trial justice be appointed for each district with exclusive jurisdiction over all cases occurring in the district. The town will have only one trial justice, who will receive a salary of \$250. Those in the county will receive a salary of \$300, and each justice will have a constable to be paid a salary of \$150.

As will be seen the delegation will act as a unit and will introduce a system of civil service, the object of which will be to have the best men who desire it in each district appointed to the offices. We believe that the new order of things will be beneficial to all parties and will carry out the great idea underlying the trial justice system—to bring justice to each man's door. No one can possibly object to the method of appointment which has been adopted by the delegation, as it will be absolutely fair and impartial to all applicants.

#### The President's Message.

Contrary to the expressed opinions of a number of national politicians the first annual message of the President was a lengthy document, consuming a little more than two hours in being read in the halls of Congress. Perhaps no message has been looked forward to with more universal interest than the one recently delivered to Congress by the President. As the head of a Democratic Administration it became his duty to discuss questions of national interest and importance and upon which his party was considerably divided in opinion. From the beginning to its close it shows a broad comprehensive knowledge of governmental machinery in all its departments, and a general familiarity with the routine of executive duty in its varied branches. His comments upon our foreign relations show that the honor and dignity of our nation will be preserved at all times, realizing the great fact that mutual intercourse between our nation and foreign countries will result in great good to each.

The question of taxation, in which the whole people are interested, is discussed at length, and the fact made to appear that our revenues are greatly in excess of the actual needs of an economic administration, and that it should not be the case in a government of the people allied for mutual benefit and protection. A reduction in the present tariff is advised as a suitable remedy for the fast increasing revenue, and while his position on this important question is not in accordance with the views of a number of politicians it is at least a safe one and a step in the right direction. Of course the reduction is recommended from the revenue derived from the tax upon imported necessities of life, used in common by all classes and conditions of men.

The Act by which the Government is compelled to win more than two millions of silver per month is an important question and should claim the attention of the national law-makers. The message urges some action, as out of the two hundred and fifteen millions already coined only about fifty millions are in circulation, the remainder being left in the possession of the Government at a great expense. Under the present law two millions of gold in the public treasury is paid out monthly for silver bullion, to be coined and added to the immense sum already accumulated.

The message deplors the condition of our navy and the attention of Congress is called to its weakness as a means of protection and defense. Such circumstances necessitate a comparatively weak foreign policy and places the country at a disadvantage in all dealings with other powers. The hope is expressed that the day is not far distant when our navy will be such as befits our standing among the nations of the earth, and steps looking to such consummation is urged upon Congress.

His original position on civil service reform remains unchanged, and the great fact is urged that the public service should not be disturbed on account of political changes, and that public servants should not live in dread of a change of parties in power. Competency and qualification should be the only criterion for appointment to public service. The position laid down in his inaugural address is strictly adhered to, that "public office is a public trust," and that the true statesman rises above petty partisanship and governs his action by what he believes to be right and just for the whole people.

#### LETTER FROM ARKANSAS.

Messrs. Editors: Since I wrote you last quite a change has come over this part of the moral vineyard. It was summer then and very dull, the chief work of the occupants of the "City of Pine" then was to brush away the dust which is simply fearful here in a dry season, and to defend one's self against the continuous attacks of gnats, flies and mosquitoes, and at the same time try to keep cool. Now everything is in a rush from daylight in the morning until late at night, and all night long the ringing of bells and the blowing of engines on the boats, and incoming and outgoing trains, as well as the continuous clatter of machinery is heard. This is the leading cotton market in the State, and is fast taking the lead in every other respect. Farmers living sixty and seventy miles away haul their cotton and other produce here to sell it, and it pays them to do so, for owing to the great advantages in shipping facilities they are enabled to get a better price for their produce, and can buy goods much cheaper than they can in smaller towns nearer their homes.

There was a very large crop of corn

raised in this part of the State this year, but cotton in the hills was greatly injured by drought in the latter part of the summer. About two-thirds of a crop was made, and it has nearly all been gathered and sold, but in the low lands there is still an abundance of cotton in the fields, and as was the case last year much of it is likely to remain there until next spring before it is gathered.

There are now two tides of emigration pouring into Arkansas. Squads of thousands of Irish are crossing over from Mississippi, and negroes by the carload from South Carolina. A large party of the latter landed at Monticello a few days ago, and I was informed by a colored friend who came here from South Carolina last winter that quite a number of his race from that section as well as from other parts of the State are expected to arrive here in the near future. Most of these negro emigrants are settling along the Arkansas, the White and the Ouachita rivers, and it is the very place for them. The soil along these rivers is very fertile, producing from two to three thousand pounds of cotton and from fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn per acre; good health and flourish it is almost impossible for a white man to live there. In the spring of the year these lowlands are all overflowed, great quantities of fish are washed over and into sloughs, and not unfrequently a great many cattle are drowned; and when the water goes down and the warm weather sets in there is such an offensive smell arising from the decaying animal and vegetable matter it is said that the man in the moon has to hold his nose when he passes over it. Then the white man that has ventured in there with the hope of making a fortune farming begins to shake, his skin turns yellow and he loses his energy, and unless he has a powerful constitution or mixes a healthy exit to the hills, his name is "Dennis" and his days are numbered. Then let the negro come—there is plenty of room for him.

—E. J. C.

Fine Bluff, Ark., December 13, 1885.

#### THE END OF GEN. TOOMBS.

The Scene at the Deathbed of the Famous Georgian.

(Special to the News and Courier.)

ATLANTA, December 15.—At six o'clock this evening Gen. Toombs closed his eventful career by death, which occurred at his home in Washington, D. C. Early in October when in Atlanta he felt that death was upon him, and bidding farewell to his friends he told that he was going home to die. A couple of days later his mind was entirely deranged, and he has since imagined that he was fighting over the battles which led to secession. His family gathered close around him and waited upon his slightest wish. Last week a marked improvement was noticed in him, so much so that he hoped for a partial recovery. On Sunday night, however, he suddenly relapsed. Dr. W. G. Mulligan, his physician, declared that the end was at hand. For two days he has been in a comatose condition, unable to lift a limb. His family of six children were called around his bedside at five this evening and tearfully awaited the end, which Dr. Mulligan declared to be near. At six o'clock the doctor placed his ear to the General's heart. It was still beating. "He is dead," said the doctor. "But Parker's Hair Balsam is an honorable exception. My hair was thin and prematurely gray. The Balsam made it brown again and soft as in my boyhood."

A special to the Constitution from Washington, Ga., gives the following account of the death scene of Gen. Toombs: The last time that any attempt was made to give him anything was this morning when Mr. H. C. Colley attempted to moisten his throat with a wet towel, but the General was too weak to stand it. The last distinct words spoken were on Sunday night, when turning to Mr. H. C. Colley, his grandnephew, he said, "I am leaving you one hundred dollars." On Monday morning he attempted to speak to his colored servant Riley, but his voice was so weak his words could not be caught. All to-day his room has been filled with his relatives and near friends waiting by his bedside expecting every moment to see him breathe his life away. Hour after hour passed by and he lay breathing weaker each moment until just as the clock in the court-house tower struck the hour of six, and at that very moment his soul took its flight. There were gathered around him Mr. Gabriel Toombs, his brother, Mr. Henry Colley and wife, Mr. Toombs DuBose, Dudley DuBose, Miss Lillie DuBose, Mrs. Hunter, Dr. Mulligan and Mr. S. R. Palmer. One of two of the relatives, a few moments before he died, went across the street to eat their supper, thinking the General would probably hold out till nine or ten o'clock, but before they had returned he was dead. His physician says his death was perfectly painless. His body now lies dressed for burial in the west room of the main building of his dwelling.

#### THE FUNERAL.

WASHINGTON, Ga., December 17.—The funeral of General Robert Toombs took place today in the M. E. Church. The whole town is in mourning. The church was appropriately draped. On the chancel rail was a beautiful display of flowers which bore the legend, "He is immortal." On one side of the pulpit was a banner bearing the word "Rest," and opposite this an exquisite floral altar. The casket was bronze with wrought leaves of beautiful workmanship ornamenting it.

Governor McDaniel and many prominent citizens of the State were present. Selections from the Scriptures were read by the Rev. W. H. Laprade, and prayers were offered the Revs. S. G. Hillye and J. D. Brown. Funeral discourses were made by the Revs. W. H. Laprade and Bishop Beckwith. They were frank and straightforward, acknowledging the frailties of General Toombs, and regretting the late date at which he entered the life of the church, and his failure to use his magnificent powers throughout his life on the side of religion.

General Toombs joined the M. E. Church three years ago. His integrity has never been questioned. His love for his wife was beautiful. In his domestic life he was a devoted and affectionate husband and father. His home life was irreproachable. The place where he has always lived mourns his death like a great family, and old and young, white and black, in a common bereavement bowed to its last resting place that was mortal of Georgia's greatest orator and most majestic intellect.

#### A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicville, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with Lung Fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. I got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. Using three bottles, I found myself once more completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite and a gain of flesh of forty-five pounds."

#### Call at McMaster, Price & Ketchin's

Drug Store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for Lung Diseases. Large bottles \$1.00.

#### "The Lucky Galveston Seer."

John Bruntton, a cotton grower, of Galveston City, held one-fifth of ticket No. 2,328, which drew the Third Capital Prize of \$100,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery Drawing of Nov. 10th, and called it was Galveston (Tex.) News, Nov. 12, 1886.

#### THE AMERICAN BUDGET.

Estimates of the Money Needed to Run Our Government One Year.

The secretary of the treasury has estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887. The total amount estimated as required for all the expenses of the Government is \$339,580,552, which is \$15,678,158 more than the sum called for in the estimates submitted last year, and \$5,326,710 more than the aggregate of the appropriations for present fiscal year. The estimates for 1886 were \$323,911,394 and the appropriations for the same year were \$288,762,842. The estimates for 1887 are made up of the following items: Legislative establishment \$3,275,828; executive establishment \$18,491,311; judicial \$408,300; foreign intercourse \$1,704,961; military \$25,680,493; naval \$30,836,357; Indians \$5,051,259; pensions \$75,830,300; public works \$25,550,015; postal \$7,443,914; miscellaneons \$24,105,581; permanent annual appropriations \$118,910,955. The estimates given above, except the legislative, judicial, foreign intercourse and miscellaneons, are for larger sums than those appropriated for use during the present fiscal year. The appropriations for pensions for the present year amounted to \$60,000,847; for military \$24,349,507; naval \$21,097,729; public works \$25,526,829; postal service \$7,311,386; the difference between the estimates for the executive establishment, for Indian affairs, miscellaneons and permanent appropriations and appropriations made for the present year are trifling. Among the estimates under the head of public works are the following: Court-house, Chattanooga, \$100,000; court-house, Macon, Ga., \$50,000; Hillsboro Inlet light station, Fla., \$9,000; Norfolk navy yard, \$989,869.

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